



# Paradise Valley School Paw Print

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## Principal's Report

As we move into the change of seasons and the shortened daylight hours, I need your help in keeping our students safe. I have a few areas of concern:

Several students are late being picked up every day. Dismissal is at 2:05 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays, school dismissal is at 12:50 p.m. If you are delayed, please call the office so that we may let your child know. Our teachers and Safety Patrol go off duty at 2:20 p.m. Parents who are late for pick up, will need to come into the office to pick up their child and sign them out.

My second concern is that our parents are entering our pick up area at an unsafe speed. Please help us to keep your children safe by reducing your speed to 5 mph as you initially enter the pick up drive through. As always, please continue to move forward as far as possible to accommodate the other vehicles behind you. It is also extremely unsafe to have our children exit vehicles along the fenced area as you first enter the drive through. Thank you for your help with this and in keeping our arrival and exit areas safe.

Finally, students (as well as parents and siblings) are supposed to walk their bikes scooters, and skateboards upon entering or exiting our school. We need your help in reinforcing the safety rules with your child.

As always, I thank you for your supporting the teachers and myself in this very important area. We want all our families to be healthy for the approaching holiday season.

Phil Duncan  
 Principal

## Home & School Association

Our school year is flying by! Our busy month included our monthly Home & School meeting, our very first Panther Prowl, and soon we will have our annual Pumpkin display and Halloween Parade! Please check the school calendar for dates and times. You don't want to miss out watching all the kids and fun.

Our first **Panther Prowl** was a huge success. The kids, staff and volunteers had a really great time! Each grade walked for 20 minutes. The enthusiasm and energy was amazing! We would like to give a special thanks to **Amy Oselinsky** and **Jill Moyer** who coordinated this event, along with many other volunteers! All the planning and coordination made for a seamless event!

**Stay Connected!** Please join our online group by going to [www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com). You will need to enter PVHSA to find our group. Select the group and click on the blue button, "Join This Group." If you do not have a Yahoo ID, one will need to be created to join our group. Please verify your information and enter your child's name, grade and teacher in the comment box. We will be sending out emails about events, volunteer opportunities as well as information about our Home & School Association.

In November, we are going to begin monthly "**Dinner Night Out**" fundraisers. Our first dinner fundraiser will be on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Panda Express located at Tennant Station, in Morgan Hill. Panda Express will donate a portion of their night's sales back to our school. Dinner Night Out in December will be at Dickey's Restaurant and in January at Chili's.

We recently launched our **Scrip Program** for this school year. Purchase your gift cards and at the same time raise money for our school! A form was recently sent home about your Safeway and Nob Hill club cards. Please be sure to fill out the form and return it to school. Safeway Club Cards must be renewed yearly and the Nob Hill Card must be present each time you shop! These retailers donate money back on a monthly basis to our school, which really helps us continue to support our children and their classrooms.

Please be sure to check the PV school calendar and school website, [www.paradise.mhu.k12.ca.us](http://www.paradise.mhu.k12.ca.us) for upcoming events in November and December. I look forward to seeing you at the Home & School meeting on Nov. 8th.

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 Home and School Association President  
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# Upcoming Events

## November 2011

Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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- 1 Assembly/Author Julia Kings/8:15 upper grades, 9:35 lower grades/ Cafeteria
- 4 Family BINGO Night /6:00-8:30 pm/ Cafeteria
- 4 Chess Club
- 8 Election Day
- 8 Home & School Mtg./ 7:50 am/ Cafeteria
- 9 Dinner Night Out, Panda Express/6:00-8:30 pm
- 10 *End of 1st Trimester,*
- 10 SSC Mtg./ 2:15/ Staff Rm.
- 11 **NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day,**
- 11 **No Chess Club**
- 14 **NO SCHOOL, In Service Day**  
(No school for Students)
- 15-18 **Minimum Days, 12:50 dismissal (Gr. 1-6)**  
K 7:40 - 11:00 a.m. (conferences)
- 18 **No Chess Club**
- 21-25 **NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Holiday**

## December 2011

Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 2, 9 & 16 Chess Club
- 13 Home & School Assoc. Mtg/ 2:10 Cafeteria
- 14 Dinner Night Out, Dicky's BBQ
- 15 SSC Mtg./ 2:15 / Staff Rm
- 23-Jan 8 **Holiday Break- NO SCHOOL**



## BoxTops & Labels For Education

Congratulations to **Jessica Guevera**. Not only did she turn in over 200 BoxTops worth \$20 for our school- but she also won the raffle for a \$10 gift certificate to FroYo! She labeled her BoxTops with her **first and last name, and teacher's name** (the only way to qualify for the raffle) and had over 20 tickets for the raffle! We collected \$166+ this past month alone! Sadly, I collected 160+ labels with *no name or that were mislabeled*, so many kids missed out on the raffle. Please make sure to keep BoxTops and Campbell Labels (make sure to include the UPC & label girl if present) separated and not glued on the same sheet, they are different programs. Keep up the collecting, we'll be ending this coming contest with another \$10 local certificate on Wednesday, November 30th. Happy Collecting!

**BoxTops/LBE Coordinator**  
**Michawn Giovannoni**  
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Want to check PV's goal status and earn points for our school? Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and join. It's free!

This website let's you earn more for our school, track our school earnings and be part of a community dedicated to our school's education.

- Earn eBoxTops by shopping online
- Find bonus box top earnings in our area
- Meal tips and ideas

Stay connected! Join today and "Like" us on Facebook



## B-I-N-G-O Night

Come on out on Friday, November 4th, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria for an inexpensive, fun filled family night of Bingo! There will be many fun Bingo games. Prizes will range from two Sharks tickets, to gift cards and so much more!



We will be selling pizza and sodas at the event. Also, our 6th graders will be having a bake sale. **Panther Spirit Wear** t-shirts and sweatshirts

will be available for purchase, along with **Scrip** and the chance to paint your own fall leaf for the **Apple-A-Day** tree. We hope you can join us!

 **Panther Prowl**

WHAT A **GREAT** EVENT! The students had a terrific time and we couldn't be happier with our first annual Panther Prowl! The final amount collected will be posted in the December issue of the Paw Print.

We want to give special thanks to our Panther Prowl team: **Laura Hernandez, Karin Weseloh, Diana Gill, and Michelle Beske**. What an exciting day it turned out to be. You all helped make it possible!!! Another huge THANK YOU to all the **parents** who helped make the Panther Prowl a huge success! There were so many wonderful **volunteers**. We couldn't have done it without our volunteers!

We want to thank our Panther Prowl Sponsors: **Radwan Pediatric Dentistry, FES, Inc., Wafelbakker Orthodontics, Robin Green at the Acupuncture & Herb Clinic, SPECIALIZED, Staples, and Nob Hill**.

Lastly, thank you to all the family and friends who supported our school, not only by giving pledges/donations, but also by coming out to the Panther Prowl and cheering on our students!

**Panther Prowl Co-Chairs**  
**Jill Moyer and Amy Oselinsky**

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Are you looking for your child's misplaced jacket or lunch box? Don't forget to check our Lost & Found area, located in the cafeteria. **Robin Guevera** has kindly offered to organize the Lost & Found to make it easier for you to find your belongings. Don't forget to label your child's items with their name & classroom number in permanent marker, if you haven't done so already!

 **Paradise Valley Spirit Wear**

Show your Panther pride by ordering your Paradise Valley Spirit wear. Order forms can be found at the PVHSA desk or you can contact Mimi directly at [mijrigo@gmail.com](mailto:mijrigo@gmail.com)



 **Panther Den**

Students are happy to have the Panther Den back in full action. We have had two very successful Panther Dens. We collected 1,868 tickets from those students whose behavior has earned them tickets for being **safe, responsible, and respectful** at Paradise Valley School!

The students are truly enjoying shopping for items in the Panther Den store. October 14th we provided Halloween items for ticket exchange where all items were popular and flew off the tables! For November 4<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 16th store dates, we will be offering tons of new items in our Panther Den store.

Please consider making donations of Christmas ornaments or items for the next three ticket exchange opportunities. Thank you to the parents who donated items to our inventory- your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you for your interest in our program. Please talk to your PV student about earning tickets at school for their **safe, responsible, and respectful** behavior!

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 **Apple a Day**

Help keep our classrooms well stocked with needed supplies by buying an Apple a Day leaf for \$5.00 each. Forms can be found in your child's Friday Folder and may be returned to the PVHSA mail slot, located in the office hallway. Come out and paint a leaf during Family Bingo Night on November 4th!

 **PV on Facebook**

Paradise Valley Elementary School is on Facebook! Go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Paradise-Valley-Elementary-School/152210474793787> and "like" us.

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